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**FALL FESTIVAL MINUTES**  
**OCTOBER 22, 2008**

**Attendance:**

Don Jones, Ethel Maxworthy, Jim and Sue Brandenburg, Fran Patch, Norma Woodman, Rich LeFeber, Eva Arnold, Margaret Palubinski, Tom Straub, Kris Wood, Les Oldenberg Jr., Ethel Maxworthy, Kathy Soderberg

**Call To Order:**

Chairperson Jim Brandenburg called the October 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting to order at 7 PM.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

A motion was made by Don Jones to approve the agenda as presented - seconded by Eva Arnold - motion passed unanimously via a voice vote.

**Approval of the September 24 2008 Minutes:**

A motion was made by Fran Patch to approve the minutes as presented - seconded by Kris Wood - motion passed unanimously via a voice vote.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Margaret Palubinski passed out a summary of expenditures and income for the past month. This report is included with the minutes. Final reconciliation will be presented next meeting as some income (donations) and expenditures were brought to tonight's meeting. Motion was made by Eva Arnold to approve the report as presented - seconded by Kris Wood - motion passed unanimously via a voice vote. After some discussion on the clown event at the festival - a motion was made by Ethel Maxworthy to pay John Bishop \$25 for expenses incurred - seconded by Norma Woodman - the motion passed unanimously via a voice vote.

**Unfinished Business:**

Jim Brandenburg mentioned some of the compliments he personally received about the event and several other committee members made similar comments.

Don Jones reported that the headstone restoration project was basically completed and thanked the Fall Fest committee again for their donation.

**Re-Cap of Events:**

As a general comment all event chairs mentioned the same thing that more volunteers are needed to assist just about each event.

- Historical Hayride - Les Oldenburg and Tom Straub reported that participation was huge with a total of 10 cycles completed during the day. The wagon was filled to capacity each time. Enforcement of no strollers on the wagon was mentioned.
- Food - Norma Woodman stated that the food cost (all donated by merchants or committee members) amounted to approximately \$300 with 650 (plus or minus) hot

dogs given out.

- Donation Jar - \$170.35 was collected.
- Fire Truck Rides - Tim Huffman was not in attendance but other committee members commented again about the huge participation in this event also.
- Quarter Hunt - Rich LeFeber and Kris Wood commented on the several issues that needed tweaking if we decide to do again next year. Such things as a fenced in perimeter around the "sand box" and having maybe two sand boxes instead of only one. More volunteers to assist the event will also be required.
- Smarter than a Fifth Grader - a huge success as reported by Sue Brandenburg. Several good comments were received.
- Burlap Sack Race, Balloon Toss (filled with bird seed), Balloon Launch - another success story except for the balloon launch. We learned that helium filled balloons cannot be filled 8 hours prior to the event as osmosis begins immediately and by the time the launch commences much of the helium has dissipated. The kits (supplied when purchasing the Helium) should be checked for all components necessary.
- Patch Train Ride - very well done.
- Byerly Balloons - as reported earlier \$25 will be sent to John Bishop for expenses.
- Basketball - proved to be fun for all ages
- Quarterly General Store of Prizes - The prizes given out were well received by the children. Participation in events rather than 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishes was a great idea.
- Pedal Power - went well with Bill Kutz and Dave Brandenburg handling the event.
- Ice
- Opening Ceremony & Viet Nam Vets - the opening ceremony was well received and compliments were in abundance. The Fire Dept. Memorial went well likewise.
- Electrical - we singled out Bill Rustin for his year after year time and equipment he has donated to the Fall Festival - without him and his expertise the events would not have been able to be as successful as they were. A big thank you to Bill.
- Clean Up - with just about every one of the committee members participating the clean up went very well right after the conclusion of the festival.

#### **New Business:**

A motion was made by Fran Patch to have the Fall Festival again next year - seconded by Les Oldenberg - motion passed unanimously via voice vote. The date will be October 3, 2009.

Jim Brandenburg commented on next year's event will be bigger than this and we should all consider whether we want to combine kid's games with the rest of the activities we historically have had.

We will be initiating a letter of thanks in the near future thanking the many nearby merchants for their donations and starting the advertising that the event will again be held October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009. This editorial will be sent to the Beloit Daily News for possible publication. A letter will be incorporated into the Town of Turtle quarterly also.

#### **Next Meeting:**

**January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009 7 PM @ the Community Center.**

#### **Adjournment:**

The motion to adjourn was entered by Fran Patch - seconded by Eva Arnold - the motion passed unanimously by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Straub

**Simple Inspirations:**

- **The future depends on what we do in the present - Mahatma Gandhi**
- **Only through focus can you do world-class things, no matter how capable you are - Bill Gates**
- **No one can make you feel inferior without your consent - Eleanor Roosevelt**
- **Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take that first step - Martin Luther King, Jr.**
- **How wonderful it is that nobody need to wait a single moment before starting to improve the world - Anne Frank**